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Foreword

The message of the Qur'an is addressed to the entire human kind in Arabic language. Almighty Allah says:

﴿ إِنَّا أَنْزَلْنَاهُ قُرْآنًا عَرَبِيًّا لَعَلَّكُمْ تَعْقِلُونَ ﴾

“We have sent it down as an Arabic Qur'an that you may understand.” (12:2)

Arabic is a beautiful language. Every Verse in the Holy Qur'an that was revealed to Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H.) in Arabic some 1400 years ago is a specimen of eloquence. For the believers, the Qur'an was opening a new world where evil had to be rejected and virtue promoted. The non-believers, on the other hand, could sense the “magical effects” of the Qur'an but did not want to change their lives. Therefore, wherever they came across recitation of the Qur'an they tried to block their ears with the fingers.

The appreciation of the beauty of the Qur'anic language could be gained through perfect understanding of Arabic. But for a Muslim, it is not just eloquence or the beauty of the language that matters. He or she would like to go deeper into its meaning because it is the message that one wishes to imbibe in life.

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Chapter 1

WORD, NOUN, VERB

الكَلِمَةُ – Word

A word is a unit of spoken or written language.

Example:

كِتَابٌ

A book

عَلِمَ

He knew

كَتَبَ

He wrote

أنواعُ الكَلِمَةِ – Kinds of Words

There are three kinds of words:

- Noun الإِسْمُ
- Verb الفِعْلُ
- Particle الحَرْفُ

Noun – الإِسْمُ : A Noun is the name of a person, animal, place, or thing.

Examples:

الله	Allah	قَمَرٌ	Moon
مُحَمَّدٌ	Muhammad	شَمْسٌ	Sun
حَجَرٌ	Stone	لَيْلَةٌ	Night
فَرَسٌ	Horse	نَهَارٌ	Morning
جَنَّةٌ	Garden	قِيَامَةٌ	Doomsday
نَخِيلٌ	Palm	فِيلٌ	Elephant
نَارٌ	Fire	حَبْلٌ	Rope
طَيْرٌ	Bird	بَلَدٌ	City
جِيدٌ	Neck	عَيْنٌ	Spring/Eye
وَجْهٌ	Face	نَجْمٌ	Star

Verb – **الفِعْلُ**: A verb denotes action in relation to past, present or future tense.

Example:

فَتَحَ	–	He opened
يَضْرِبُ	–	He hits
اسْمَعْ	–	Listen
لَا تَنْصُرْ	–	Don't help

Particle – **الحَرْفُ**: It is a word which does not convey complete meaning when it stands alone. It gives meaning to a sentence only when it is used with a verb or a noun. The particle does not indicate the past, present or future tense.

Examples:

مِنْ	–	From
عَنْ	–	From/About

الإِسْمُ – NOUN

Nouns are divided into two kinds.

- Indefinite **التَّكْرَةُ**
- Definite **المَعْرِفَةُ**

Indefinite Nouns (**أَسْمَاءُ التَّكْرَةِ**) are names given in general to a living or non-living thing (common nouns).

Indefinite nouns end with nunnation (**ـٌ / تَنْوِينٍ**)

Example:

رَجُلٌ	Man	عَذَابٌ	Punishment
إِمْرَأَةٌ	Woman	سَّمَاءٌ	Sky
سَمَكٌ	Fish	أَرْضٌ	Earth
مَاءٌ	Water	صُورَةٌ	Form
مُلْكٌ	Kingdom	جَبَلٌ	Mountain

Chapter 2

الْعَدَدُ – NUMBER

Singular, Dual and Plurals

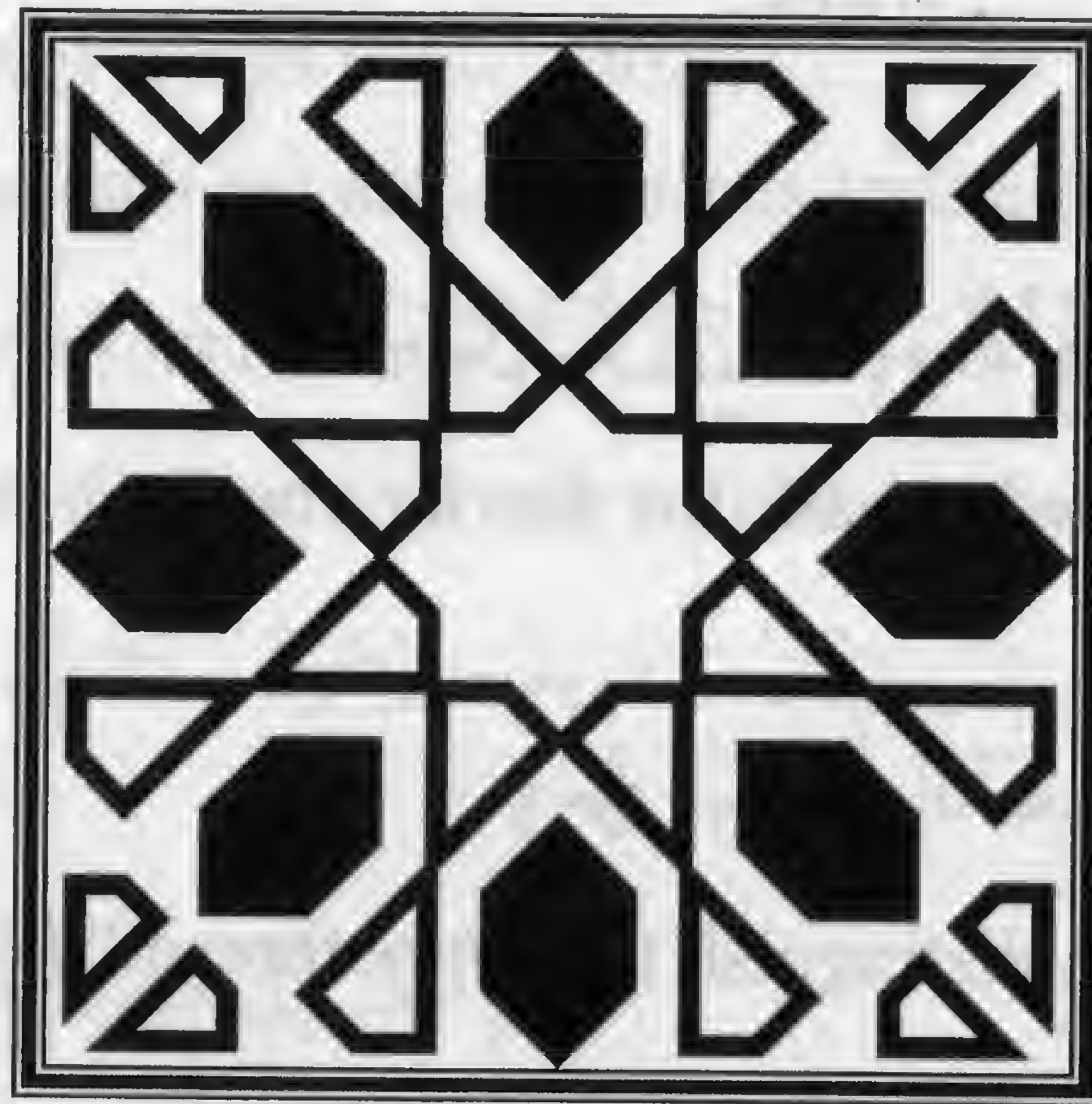
In English there is only singular and plural. However, there are three numbers in Arabic:

- Singular – الْمُفْرَدُ
- Dual – الْمُثَنَّى
- Plural – الْجَمْعُ

The dual is formed by adding the suffix *fatha*, alif and noon with *kasrah* (ـَانِ) in the nominative case (حَالَةُ الرَّفْعِ) and *fatha*, sukoon and noon with *kasra* (ـَيْنِ) in both the accusative and genitive case for masculine nouns.

Examples of masculine duals:

مُفْرَدٌ Singular	مُثَنَّى Dual	(Case)
مُسْلِمٌ A Muslim	مُسْلِمَانِ Two Muslims	Nominative (حَالَةُ الرَّفْعِ)



مُسْلِمًا A Muslim	مُسْلِمَيْنِ Two Muslims	Accusative (حَالَةُ التَّصْبِ)
مُسْلِمٍ A Muslim	مُسْلِمَيْنِ Two Muslims	Genitive (حَالَةُ الْجَرِّ)

Examples:

﴿وَأَمَّا الْجِدَارُ فَكَانَ لِغُلَامَيْنِ يَتِيمَيْنِ فِي الْمَدِينَةِ﴾

“And as for the wall, it belongs to *two orphan boys* in the city.” (18: 82)

For feminine..., the nouns end in “ة”. This changes to an ordinary “ت” in the dual. The suffixes “ان” and “ين” will be added as in masculine duals.

Examples of feminine duals:

مفرد Singular	مثنى Dual	(Case)
مُسْلِمَةٌ A Muslim woman	مُسْلِمَتَانِ Two Muslim women	Nominative (حَالَةُ الرَّفْعِ)
مُسْلِمَةٌ A Muslim woman	مُسْلِمَتَيْنِ Two Muslim women	Accusative (حَالَةُ التَّصْبِ)
مُسْلِمَةٌ A Muslim woman	مُسْلِمَتَيْنِ Two Muslim women	Genitive (حَالَةُ الْجَرِّ)

Examples:

﴿جَعَلْنَا لِأَحَدِهِمَا جَنَّتَيْنِ مِنْ أَعْنَابٍ﴾

“We have assigned to one of them *two gardens* of grapes.” (18: 32)

﴿وَلَمَنْ خَافَ مَقَامَ رَبِّهِ جَنَّتَانِ﴾

“And for him who feared to stand before his Fosterer are *two gardens*.” (55:46)

There are two types of plurals in Arabic:

1. Sound plural – الْجَمْعُ السَّالِمُ

2. Broken plural – الْجَمْعُ الْمَكْسَرُ

The Sound Plural (الْجَمْعُ السَّالِمُ): In the formation of sound plural the original form of the noun does not change. It has different masculine and feminine forms and is formed by suffixing dammah, waw with *sukoon* and *noon* with *fatha* “وْنَ” in nominative, and *kasrah*, yaa with *sukoon* and *noon* with *fatha* “يْنَ” in the accusative and genitive cases to the end of the masculine nouns.

Examples of masculine Sound Plurals:

مُفْرَد Singular	مُثْنَى Dual	جَمْع Plural	(Case)
مُسْلِمٍ A Muslim	مُسْلِمَانِ Two Muslims	مُسْلِمُونَ Muslims	Nominative (حَالَةُ الرَّفْعِ)